GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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INFANT MORTALITY RATE IN ORISSA
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether infant mortality in Orissa has gone up during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, year-wise alongwith the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government have chalked out any action plan to check this upward trend; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) & (b) No, Sir. The Infant Mortality Rate for the last three years for the State of Orissa, as per the Sample Registration System (SRS 2001) is as given below :-

Infant Mortality Rate

2001 - 90 per thousand live births. (#)
2000 - 95 per thousand live births.
1999 - 97 per jthousand live births.
1998 - 98 per thousand live births

Provisional (SRS)

(c) & (d) To reduce infant mortality and to improve the nutritional status of children, the Department has been implementing the following :- Immunization to all children against vaccine preventable diseases, management and control of acute respiratory infections and diarrhoea; provision of essential newborn care and promotion of exclusive breastfeeding and appropriate complementary feeding through out the country. To prevent micronutrient deficiencies, Vitamin A and Iron supplementary Programmes are under implementation. These are implemented as components of the Reproductive and Child Health Programme in all States including Orissa.